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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 8, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE OF SELLING UNDER  
SOMEWHAT CONCESSIONAL TERMS PL 480 GRAIN, 2,000 TONS OF IT,  
TO EGYPT, WHICH IS A COUNTRY WITH AN AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE  
OF ALMOST 2500 CALORIES PER CAPITA A DAY, WHEN WE APPARENT-  
LY ARE NOT PREPARED TO INCREASE EMERGENCY AID SHIPMENTS TO  
COUNTRIES IN WHICH STARVATION IS RAMPANT?

A. WELL, REGRETTABLY, I CANNOT EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE. I  
WILL TRY TO GET IT FOR YOU.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY WORD ON WHEN YASSER ARAFAT IS COMING,  
AND WHERE HE WILL BE HOUSED?

A. NO NEW WORD ON MR. ARAFAT. AND THE QUESTIONS OF HOUS-  
ING AND SECURITY, WHICH ARE RELATED, CONTINUE UNDER DIS-  
CUSSION IN NEW YORK. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY DECISIONS THAT  
HAVE YET BEEN MADE.

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM A REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS  
SOLD TO KUWAIT \$250 MILLION WORTH OF A-4 AIRPLANES?

A. I CANNOT CONFIRM THAT, BUT I AM AWARE THAT THERE HAS  
BEEN SOME CONSIDERATION OF KUWAITI PURCHASES OF AMERICAN  
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AIRCRAFT. I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED.

Q. ON THE PLO QUESTION, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY THAT DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER TOLD A MEMBER OF THE KNESSET A  
COUPLE OF DAYS AGO THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS INDEED ADJUST-  
ING TO THE NEW REALITY AFTER RABAT, AND THAT ISRAEL  
PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO AS WELL, OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT.  
IT WAS AN INDIRECT REFERENCE TO AN APPARENTLY PRIVATE CON-

VERSION. DO YOU HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION?

A. YES, I HAD THAT REPORT CALLED TO MY ATTENTION. AND I HAD ONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. SOBER THIS MORNING ABOUT IT, AND TRIED TO GET BACK TO HIM, BUT WE COULDN'T MAKE THE CONNECTION, TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION HERE. BUT I WILL POST IT FOR YOU WHEN I HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM.

Q. IN THAT ONE CONVERSATION, DID HE CONFIRM THAT THIS WAS A FAIR AND TRUE REPORT OF WHAT HE HAD SAID?

A. OH, NO, IT WAS A MIS-REPORT OF WHAT HE SAID.

Q. YESTERDAY YOU AND APPARENTLY THE U.S. MISSION TO THE UN DISCOUNTED THE USE OF A MILITARY BASE TO HOUSE THE PLO DELEGATION. YET THERE ARE REPORTS, AFTER THOSE DENIALS, THAT THEY MIGHT BE PUT UP ON GOVERNORS ISLAND, WHICH IS A MILITARY BASE IN NEW YORK HARBOR.

A. FIRST LET ME TRY TO STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT A LITTLE BIT. THERE WAS EARLY ON CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY FACILITIES, BUT THAT WAS DROPPED SOME TIME AGO. AND TO BE PERFECTLY TECHNICAL ABOUT IT, GOVERNORS ISLAND, WHICH I UNDERSTAND REMAINS A POSSIBILITY, IS NOT A MILITARY FACILITY. IT IS A COAST GUARD STATION, AND THE COAST GUARD, I WOULD POINT OUT, COMES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Q. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ELLIS ISLAND? WHAT IS THAT NOW?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT NEW YORK.

Q. ARE YOU CONSIDERING THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HOUSE ARAFAT PARTICULARLY FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME? I THOUGHT IT UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WOULD BE IN AND OUT PRETTY QUICK.

A. I HAVE SEEN SPECULATION LIKE THAT. BUT I WOULD POINT

OUT THAT THE NINE NAMES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED DID NOT INCLUDE HIS. AND I AM NOT SURE THAT -- WELL, I WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS YOU TO THE UN SECRETARIAT. THEY MAY HAVE HEARD THAT HE IS COMING. BUT THEY HAD NOT AT LATEST CHECK TOLD US. AND HE HAS NOT APPLIED AT ANY OF OUR EMBASSIES AT LATE CHECK.

Q. IN BEIRUT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT A DELEGATION OF ABOUT 36 NOW.

A. I HAVE SEEN VARIOUS NUMBERS. I HAVE SEEN THAT NUMBER.

Q. SOME OF WHOM APPARENTLY ARE NOT DIRECTLY PLO MEMBERS. WOULD THE WHOLE 36-MAN TEAM BE PUT ON GOVERNORS ISLAND, OR WOULD IT BE SPLIT UP? DO YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF WHAT THEY ARE THINKING OF?

A. YOU KNOW WE WILL JUST HAVE TO HAVE DECISIONS FROM SOMEBODY ON HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING IN THAT DELEGATION. AND THEN WHEN WE DETERMINE THE SECURITY NEED THAT ARISES THEREFROM AND GET DECISIONS ON HOUSING FOR THEM, WE WILL JUST HAVE TO LET YOU KNOW. BUT ALL THAT IS UP IN THE AIR NOW. AND I ALLOW AS HOW THAT I HAVE SEEN FIGURES OF AS MANY AS 36 OR 37. I HAVE ALSO SEEN SMALLER FIGURES.

Q. OF THE NINE WHO APPLIED, WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR THEIR VISAS, OR WHAT HAVE THEY REQUESTED?

A. I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A TIME ON IT, BUT RATHER THAT IT IS LIMITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMING TO NEW YORK, WHICH IS TO ATTEND THE UN DEBATE NEXT WEEK ON THE WHOLE QUESTION. AND THAT THEY WOULD STAY AS LONG AS THE DEBATE CONTINUES.

Q. DOES THAT LIST OF NINE INCLUDE THE FOUR THAT YOU ALREADY HAD?

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A. THE THREE THAT WE ALREADY HAD.

Q. THERE WERE REPORTS THAT THESE 36 OR 37 INCLUDE NINE PLO OFFICIALS, BUT DO HAVE JOURNALISTS OR PEOPLE OF THAT ILK. WOULD THEY ALSO BE GIVEN SPECIAL SECURITY PROTECTION, SPECIAL HOUSING?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I HAVE SEEN THAT SPECULATION, TOO, THAT THERE ARE THESE OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE GROUP. BUT I THINK WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHO THE DELEGATION IS.

Q. IN THEORY IF SOMEBODY APPLIES AND IS GIVEN A C-2 VISA TO COVER A UN DEBATE, DO THE AUTOMATICALLY COME UNDER THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED UN PERSONNEL?

A. NO. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IF IT WERE A JOURNALIST, OR SOMEONE OF THAT IL, THAT WOULD GET A JOURNALIST VISA, WHICH IS I BELIEVE AN "I". END QUOTE. MAW

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